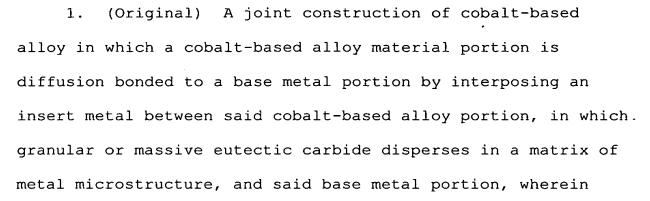
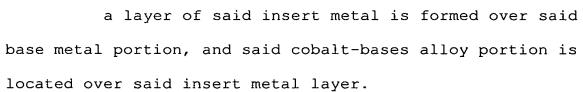
IN THE CLAIMS





- 2. (Original) The joint construction of cobalt-based alloy according to claim 1, wherein said base metal portion and said cobalt-based alloy portion contain an element diffused from said insert metal.
- 3. (Previously Amended) The joint construction of cobalt-based alloy according to claim 1, wherein said insert metal layer contains an element diffused from said base metal portion and cobalt diffused from said cobalt-based alloy portion.

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4. (Previously Amended) The joint construction of cobalt-based alloy material according to claim 1, wherein the grain size of said eutectic carbide is not larger than 30 μm .



- 5. (Previously Amended) The joint construction of cobalt-based alloy material according to claim 1, wherein said base metal portion is formed of any of carbon steel, low alloy steel, and stainless steel.
- 6. (Previously Amended) The joint construction of cobalt-based alloy material according to claim 1, wherein said cobalt-based alloy portion contains 0.6 to 3% C, 2% or less Si, 25 to 32% Cr, 15% or less W, 0 to 3% Fe, 0 to 3% Ni, and 0 to 6% Mo by weight, the balance being Co and unavoidable impurities.

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16. (Previously Added) The joint construction of cobalt-based alloy material according to claim 3, wherein the grain size of said eutectic carbide is not larger than 30 $\mu m\,.$

17. (Previously Added) The joint construction of cobalt-based alloy material according to claim 3, wherein said base metal portion is formed of any of carbon steel, low alloy steel, and stainless steel.



- 18. (Previously Added) The joint construction of cobalt-based alloy material according to claim 17, wherein said cobalt-based alloy portion contains 0.6 to 3% C, 2% or less Si, 25 to 32% Cr, 15% or less W, 0 to 3% Fe, 0 to 3% Ni, and 0 to 6% Mo by weight, the balance being Co and unavoidable impurities.
- 19. (Previously Added) The joint construction of cobalt-based alloy material according to claim 17, wherein said cobalt-based alloy portion contains 0.6 to 3% C, 2% or less Si, 25 to 32% Cr, 15% or less W, 0 to 3% Fe, 0 to 3% Ni, and 0 to 6% Mo by weight, the balance being Co and unavoidable impurities.
- 20. (Previously Added) The joint construction of cobalt-based alloy material according to claim 4, wherein said base metal portion is formed of any of carbon steel, low alloy steel, and stainless steel.

- 21. (Previously Added) The joint construction of cobalt-based alloy material according to claim 4, wherein said cobalt-based alloy portion contains 0.6 to 3% C, 2% or less Si, 25 to 32% Cr, 15% or less W, 0 to 3% Ni, and 0 to 6% Mo by weight, the balance being Co and unavoidable impurities.
- 22. (Previously Added) The joint construction of cobalt-based alloy according to claim 2, wherein said insert metal layer contains an element diffused from said base metal portion and cobalt diffused from said cobalt-based alloy portion.
- 23. (Previously Added) The joint construction of cobalt-based alloy material according to claim 2, wherein the grain size of said eutectic carbide is not larger than 30 µm.
- 24. (Previously Added) The joint construction of cobalt-based alloy material according to claim 2, wherein said base metal portion is formed of any of carbon steel, low alloy steel, and stainless steel.

- 25. (Previously Added) The joint construction of cobalt-based alloy material according to claim 2, wherein said cobalt-based alloy portion contains 0.6 to 3% C, 2% or less Si, 25 to 32% Cr, 15% or less W, 0 to 3% Fe, 0 to 3% Ni, and 0 to 6% Mo by weight, the balance being Co and unavoidable impurities.
- 26. (Previously Added) The joint construction of cobalt-based alloy material according to claim 22, wherein the grain size of said eutectic carbide is not larger than 30 μm .
- 27. (Previously Added) The joint construction of cobalt-based alloy material according to claim 22, wherein said base metal portion is formed of any of carbon steel, low alloy steel, and stainless steel.
- 28. (Previously Added) The joint construction of cobalt-based alloy material according to claim 22, wherein said cobalt-based alloy portion contains 0.6 to 3% C, 2% or less Si, 25 to 32% Cr, 15% or less W, 0 to 3% Fe, 0 to 3% Ni, and 0 to 6% Mo by weight, the balance being Co and unavoidable impurities.

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29. (Previously Added) The joint construction of cobalt-based alloy material according to claim 27, wherein said cobalt-based alloy portion contains 0.6 to 3% C, 2% or less Si, 25 to 32% Cr, 15% or less W, 0 to 3% Fe, 0 to 3% Ni, and 0 to 6% Mo by weight, the balance being Co and unavoidable impurities.

Claims 30-40 (Canceled)